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SUBJ: SALE OF PROPERTY FROM ACA COMMISSARY

REF: VIENTIANE 5225 (NOTAL)

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: THE NEWSPAPER "VIENTIANE POST" ON SEPTEMBER 9 CARRIED AN ARTICLE TITLED, "THE PRICING OF USAID FOODSTUFFS IS FINISHED" WHICH INDICATED THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND PLAN STUDY OF THE SALE OF THOSE GOODS SEIZED AT THE MISSION'S ACA COMMISSARY (REFTEL) HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND THE GOODS WOULD BE PLACED ON SALE SOON.

2. THE ARTICLE STATED: (BEGIN TEXT) THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO SELL TO THE PUBLIC USAID GOODS PARTICULARLY FOODSTUFFS AND CANNED MEAT. ACCORDING TO A GOOD SOURCE AT THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, THE ECONOMIC PRICING COMMITTEE PRESIDING OVER BY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE  
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MR. AKHAVONG PHAIMMAHASYAVANH ON AUGUST 29, FIXED

THE PRICES OF USAID FOODSTUFFS AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) SALAD OIL, 3.8 LITER CAN - 4,000 KIP OR 1,000 KIP PER LITER;
- (2) DETERGENT POWDER - 1,850 KIP PER KILO OR A 4.5 KILO BOX FOR 8,300 KIP, 2.85 KILO BOX FOR 4,150 KIP, 1.35 KILO BOX FOR 2,500 KIP, AND 0.9 KILO BOX FOR 1,660 KIP;
- (3) BEER, ALL BRANDS, FOR 200 KIP A CAN;
- (4) NOODLES, 110 KIP PER KILO
- (5) SUGAR, 530 KIP PER KILO;
- (6) CANNED FRUIT, DOLLAR PRICE CONVERTED TO KIP AT THE 1,200 RATE;
- (7) CIGARETTES, ALL BRANDS, 500 KIP A PACKAGE;
- (8) CIGARS, THE COMMITTEE WILL HOLD ANOTHER MEETING TO DECIDE THEIR PRICE.

THE ABOVE MENTIONED PRICES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO HIGHER AUTHORITY FOR FINAL APPROVAL AND THE SALE IS SCHEDULED FOR THE NEAR FUTURE. (END TEXT) END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: AT LEAST THIS WAY WE WILL GET TO BUY SOME OF OUR GOODS BACK. THE SALE WILL NO DOUBT BE WELCOMED BY THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY AS MANY OF THE ITEMS MENTIONED ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY IN THE LOCAL MARKETS.  
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